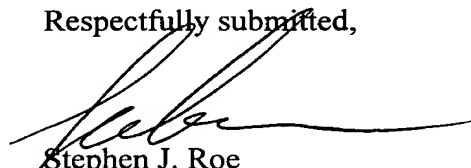


REMARKS

Claims 45-72 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-11, 13-18, 20-27 and 29-44 are cancelled and new claims 45-72 are added. As indicated during the last interview, Applicant submits that the previously cited references are not properly applicable to Applicant's cancelled claims, for a variety of reasons, including those reasons discussed in the October 22, 2002 Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. However, in the interest of expediency, Applicant has drafted new claims intended to clarify and emphasize certain aspects of the Applicant's invention. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 45-72 is respectfully requested.

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